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DEBT BURDEN OF HOUSEHOLDS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation`s data states that 26 per cent of the rural and 17.5 per cent of the urban households were under debt in 2003;

(b) if so, the State-wise details of households under debt in that year;

(c) the steps taken in the intervening period to ameliorate their conditions; and

(d) the latest assessment about the percentage of rural and urban households under debt burden?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE),IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN)

(a) (b) & (d) As per the National sample survey carried out by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 2003, the estimated incidence of indebtedness in India and in various States were as given in Annex.

(c) Government is implementing various poverty alleviation programmes like
(i) Swaran Jayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY),
(ii) Sampurna Grammeen Rojgar Yojana (SGRY),
(iii) Swaran Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana(SJSRY) and
(iv) National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS).